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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : Vehicle Control Apparatus

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

**June 7, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action dated May 5, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention defined in Group I, Claims 1-2, 6-9, 13 and 17-19 for the prosecution of this application on the merits, without prejudice to their right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the remaining claims.


If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit  
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 381AS/50959).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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